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OLD OYSTERMEN IN LOCAL WATERS FEAR DOOM OF INDUSTRY

Set Getting Poorer Year, By Year Because of Pollution of Waters Through Great Manufacturing Industries—This Year's Failure Confirms Suspicions of Extinction of Culture Here.

Puny Set Lately Developed Off Stratford and Milford Will Not Suffice and Many Thousands of Dollars Worth of Work in Preparation For Annal Harvest Becomes Total Loss.

With nothing but a very late and a very small set in waters off Bridgeport, oystermen in this vicinity have become further convinced that the industry in Connecticut and Massachusetts is facing extinction.

Half a million bushels of shells have been planted in the Bridgeport waters by the larger growers alone at a cost of from seven to eight cents a bushel.

With an initial loss of about \$40,000, oyster companies operating from Bridgeport are now engaged in cleaning up the fruitless mose at a daily expense that will last until winter. It will have cost hundreds of thousands this year to try oyster-growing property of the waters.

The Norwalk beds have been a failure this year again and the New Haven and Bridgeport beds showed very poorly. Last week a late set, very puny, developed off Milford and Bridgeport, but oystermen believe the shellfish have little chance to survive.

The findings this year but bear out the contention of leading oystermen that unless Connecticut and Massachusetts adopt conservation methods at once, the business, for which this section was once noted, will die.

Very by year it has grown worse, they say, because of pollution of the waters by industrial concerns. Present day oystermen are congratulating them men who made their money at the business and got out of it in time.

"This state is destroying one of its greatest natural resources," said C. B. Wheeler, manager of the big Connecticut Oyster Farms Co., which controls in the neighborhood of 5,000 acres of beds today. His concern alone has suffered a loss in planting of \$25,000.

In the memory of such old-time oystermen as Captain William Lewis and Frederick B. Beardsley of Stratford, natural beds existed under the Yellow Mill and Berkshire Mill bridges. The natural developing place of the oyster is not in deep, cold water, but in the mouths of harbors. Nature intended oysters, clams and such shellfish to live there.

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BRIDGEPORT MEN SEVERELY HURT AS CARS CRASH

Poplar Street Residents In New Haven Hospital Following Collision.

Two Bridgeporters, Amandus Palmquist and William Wulan, both of 33 Poplar street, are in the New Haven hospital, handsome touring car wrecked and a large auto truck is undergoing repairs in the Milford garage as the result of a head-on collision on the New Haven turnpike at 3 o'clock Saturday morning.

Palmquist is suffering from a broken right leg and other injuries. Wulan is severely cut on his head and face and suffers internal injury as a result of his being catapulted through a wind shield and denting the radiator of a big truck. His escape from instant death is said to be almost miraculous. Both victims are reported at the New Haven hospital this afternoon to be improving and past a critical state.

Little is known today about the accident other than reported through an unknown driver of a big New Haven delivery truck, who has asserted that the accident was due to misapprehension as to direction to be taken by the respective cars. As a result, the two came head-on into each other with a great impact. All were huried from their seats. The truck driver, Dr. W. J. H. Fischer, who was called to the scene, conveyed the other two with dispatch to the nearest hospital in New Haven.

MANINO'S VICTIM ISN'T LIKELY TO SURVIVE WOUNDS

With the probability that the charge against him will be changed to murder so serious is the condition of his victim, James Janino, known to the police as "Jimmy," a dangerous character, residing at 35 Hallett street, was held today in \$5,000 bonds for a hearing Saturday, charged with assault with intent to kill.

In view of the condition of Tony Buza, of 145 Hallett street, whom Janino is alleged to have knifed, Judge Tuttle continued the case, when the latter appeared before him this morning.

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GRADUAL RETURN OF SOLDIERS AT BORDER PLANNED

General Funston Gets New Orders Regarding Disposition of Troops.

18,000 MORE MEN TO DO DUTY TOUR

As New Regiments Go To Border, Others Will Be Sent to Home Camps.

Washington, Sept. 18.—General Funston was directed by the war department today to return one national guard regiment to its home station for each new regiment of the guard sent to the border.

The order was issued in line with Secretary Baker's policy of sending all organizations in state mobilization camps to the border before they are mustered out of the federal service. The three North Carolina regiments, ordered south, Saturday, together with those from Tennessee, already on the way, will be the first to reach General Funston's command to relieve troops now there.

There are 18,000 guardsmen still in the state camps. These will move as rapidly as the necessary arrangements can be made. It was indicated at the war department that no general movement of guardsmen homeward would be ordered until a decision affecting the border situation had been reached by the American-Mexican commission, now meeting at New London, Conn.

The department has submitted the final disposition of all border troops, national guard and regulars to the commission. When the organizations are ordered to their home stations for muster out, those members who apply may be dispersed at border stations when the organizations are made in good faith and are approved by the commanding officer.

CONFERENCE IS RESUMED.

New London, Sept. 18.—When the Mexican-American commissioners resumed their conference today there was reason to believe the Mexican representatives were prepared to insist that their deliberations be directed toward an agreement on the control of the border. The American delegates, believing that the border situation was merely incident to the general condition of Mexico, had planned to continue their study of Mexico's internal affairs.

Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican delegation, presided today.

THREE ARE HURT WHEN TROLLEYS AND AUTO CRASH

Panic in Triple Collision and Man Who Jumped Is Believed Dying.

One man may die, two other persons were severely hurt and a score of passengers on two electric cars were thrown into a state of panic when an auto truck delivering milk was jammed between two trolleys, one going north and the other south, in East Main street at Arctic street this noon.

The unconscious man who was taken to the Bridgeport hospital, is unidentified. He lost his head when he saw that the collision was inevitable and jumped from a car, striking head first.

A woman living at 129 Arctic street also leaped from her seat in the moving car to the street. She was taken to her home suffering from hysteria and a severe shaking up. The directory gives the name of Mrs. Marcha Horgan as living at this address.

George O'Donnell, the driver of the milk truck, which was demolished by the impact of the collision, received a scalp wound which necessitated five stitches. He was treated at the Bridgeport hospital.

"BREMEN," THIS TIME, IS U. S. SUBMARINE

New London, Sept. 18.—The submarine approaching New London and which was reported to be the German undersea merchantman Bremen was an American craft of the L type returning from maneuvers. It developed today with the return to port or ocean tug T. A. Scott, Jr.

The tug set out last night, carrying persons supposed to be representatives of the Eastern Forwarding Co., to which the cargo of the Deutschland was consigned, when that underwater freighter reached Baltimore. The Scott reported today that nothing was seen or heard of the Bremen. The American submarine sighted was returning to her base.

Want Attorney Casey To Be Candidate For Senator From 22nd

A delegation of the friends of Attorney John H. Casey waited on him yesterday and asked him to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for senator from the 22nd Senatorial district. Attorney Casey said he would make no active campaign for the nomination, but if he was nominated he would strive for success.

Attorney Casey served one term in the common council as alderman from the Sixth district. He has a wide circle of friends and it is believed would make a strong candidate.

"L" TRAINS BOMBARDED: MANY HURT

Violence Breaks Out Anew In Traction Strike in New York When Crowds on Rooftops Throw Bricks at Passing Trains.

Policeman Badly Hurt While Dispersing Disturbers—Sympathetic Strike Delayed Pending Conference With Mayor Mitchel.

New York, Sept. 18.—Violence broke out anew this morning in the strike of employees of traction lines in this city. Several persons were reported injured when strike sympathizers bombarded elevated trains with stones and bottles.

The attacks were made from the roof tops near the elevated tracks. The missiles shattered car windows and many passengers were reported injured by flying glass and otherwise.

While dispersing a crowd of strike sympathizers in the Bronx, a policeman was reported seriously hurt. The crowd had been throwing bricks, and when the policeman interfered he was roughly handled. It is reported.

Normal service on subway and elevated lines was reported by the company officials today. Night service will be resumed on surface lines this week, the New York Railways Co. announced today.

Threatened strikes by longshoremen, tidewater boatmen and other unions either in sympathy with the striking railwaymen or after an appeal from the leaders of the street carmen, were delayed today pending a conference of labor leaders with Mayor Mitchel.

The mayor said he had called the conference at the request of the union men and that he did not know what they wanted to talk with him about. One of those who were called in conference was President T. V. O'Connor of the International Longshoremen's association.

The longshoremen's union, which is in sympathy with the striking railwaymen, is reported to call a strike if, in his judgment, it is deemed advisable. Mr. O'Connor said no decision would be reached before Thursday. No date has been set for the strike of the three thousand members of the tidewater boatmen's union who are also in sympathy with the union men and that the leaders of these unions denied that the proposed strikes are merely sympathetic and say they are intended to benefit their own members.

William B. Fitzgerald, organizer for the street railwaymen, says the strike would cost the city \$1,025,000 and that it is costing the public \$600,000 a day, bringing the total thus far up to \$7,200,000.

The New York Railways Co. announced today that night service will be resumed this week on its surface lines.

CUMMINGS WILL ARGUE PLEA OF KNAPP COUNSEL

Grand Jury Will Consider Case of Motion If Denied By Judge Tuttle.

The grand jury, which has been summoned by Assistant State's Attorney Carter to convene in this city tomorrow, will consider the case of Herbert M. Knapp, if Judge Tuttle of the criminal superior court denies the motion of Knapp's counsel for a change of venue. This motion will be given the right of way and will be heard as soon as court opens tomorrow morning.

State's Attorney Cummings will be on hand to argue against the motion. His claim will be that there is no reason why the former head of the defunct banking firm of Burr & Knapp cannot get a fair trial in this county. The state's attorney has been busy for several months preparing the case against Knapp and if the court decides against Knapp in his latest motion Judge Tuttle will be asked to assign Knapp's case for trial Sept. 26.

Germes To Lose Sweet Habits

Chief inspector C. Howard Dunbar of the health department said today that notices will be sent the restaurants in this city that sugar lumps left in bowls on a wait-on-yourself counter must be covered and the bowl must have some device so that the same lump isn't touched by two persons. He says the sugar can be dispensed automatically.

The commissioners who are studying hospital facilities of other cities will spend this week in New York.

Memphis, Wrecked on Reef, May Be Repaired

Washington, Sept. 18.—Captain John Hood, head of the naval board examining the wrecked cruiser Memphis, in Santo Domingo harbor, was instructed by Secretary Daniels today to forward immediately a report showing the ship's condition. If practicable, operations to repair the Memphis will be begun, otherwise her machinery will be dismantled and salvaged with any other parts that may be of value.

PROMINENT MEN APPLYING TO BE MADE CITIZENS

Salt's Textile Co. Official, Pastor and Giant on Court Lists.

RECORD NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS HERE

Fifteen Countries Represented By Persons Who Would Be Americans.

Several prominent citizens are among the 275 who will apply for citizenship papers when Judge Gager comes here September 26 and 27 to preside over the civil superior court. This is the largest number of applicants ever recorded in this county and it is expected the court will have difficulty in disposing of the petitions in the two day session. On September 28 the court will hear naturalization petitions in Danbury.

Treasurer C. Frederick Stead of the Salt's Textile Co. is among those who have applied for citizenship. He is a native of England but has resided in this city for many years. Rev. Frank Connors Rideout, pastor of the Second Baptist church, is also on the list. He came to this country from Canada. George Auger, known on the vaudeville stage as the "Cardiff Giant," is first on the list. The giant has a residence in Fairfield, but because of theatrical engagements has been prevented in the past from appearing in court. Auger was born in Wales.

Among the countries represented in the applications are Russia, England, Germany, Ireland, Sweden, Hungary, Poland, Italy, Turkey, Scotland, Roumania, Switzerland, Canada, Wales and Austria.

PECK ANNOUNCES HIS CHOICE FOR COMING ELECTION

Tells Stratford Voters to Vote For Him and Certain Other Candidates.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Stratford, Sept. 18.—Judge Charles H. Peck, the benevolent despot of local Republican politics, has addressed the town's electors in a letter, that has come to be an annual event in local politics.

Judge Peck modestly admits that the voters will do well to elect him and his associates in the general assembly, their judges of probate and their justice of the peace. He is well qualified for these offices, he admits.

Not having been nominated for more than three offices, Judge Peck proceeds to tell the voters which of the other candidates they should elect.

Rollin A. Curtis is his candidate for first selectman and Martin Knapp for second selectman. "Both of these men are my friends," the judge asserts, "and there was never a better selectman in the town of Stratford than was Dr. Curtis."

Oscar Swanson is chosen for a place on the board of assessors. Leader Peck alleged that the western part of the town needs an assessor. "In Mr. Swanson," he writes, "you will find a capable and faithful man. He is very familiar with the values of land and in my mind will make an excellent assessor."

The judge and Walter J. Hanford are candidates for the general assembly. "Mr. Hanford is a man who has good will and respect of the whole community," he writes, "and it would please me if he were elected with me to represent the town at Hartford."

Peck takes a walk-off at the present registrars of voters, Charles Abernethy and Henry Walls. He suggests the names of Clifford B. Kearney and George F. Ash. Last year the registrars refused to give Peck's claim any representation in the election officers. "They were very unfair," says he, "and appointed all men that they could find that were unfriendly to our faction for election officers and counters."

The leader says that he still has his suspicions of the reliability of the count. The counters last year were: George Spall, Harry Burns, Lewis Polley, Robert Taylor, Frank Sammis, Ivan L. Morehouse, Paul C. O'Neil, Lewis Wilson, William Applebury, James Vans, Jr., and Oscar Swanson. The moderator was Frank E. Blakeman.

As to the offices of judge of probate and general assembly for which the judge himself is a candidate he tells the voters how he has conducted the office of the judge of probate for more than 20 years and of his being elected to the assembly for three terms, 1907, 1910 and 1911. In his letter he also informs them he is not ashamed of his record while a representative and if elected this year will give the town of Stratford the "same loyal and undivided support" as he did in former years.

In closing he warns all not to believe any "sanders or slanders that doubtless will be sent broadcast during the campaign as you are fully aware from what source they come and just what they are worth."

The primary will be held tomorrow. The polls will open at 12 o'clock noon and will close at 8:30 p. m.

REDS BUY TWO PLAYERS.

Cincinnati, Sept. 18.—The Cincinnati National League club announced today that outfielder Twynbly and infielder Kopf had been purchased from the Baltimore team of the International league.

THE WEATHER.

For Connecticut.—Fair tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature; gentle west winds.

PREMIER ASQUITH'S SON IS KILLED IN BATTLE ON SOMME

AMERICAN SAYS TORPEDO STRUCK BRITISH VESSEL

Richmond Man Declares 28 American Citizens Were In Danger.

New York, Sept. 18.—A torpedo sank the British steamer Kelvinia, carrying 28 Americans, according to G. W. Dillard, of Richmond, Va., one of the Americans, who arrived here today on the Cunard liner Tuscania.

Despatches from England left in doubt as to whether the Kelvinia, bound from Newport News, Va., to Glasgow, was torpedoed or sank by a mine on Sept. 2.

R. K. MARSHALL IS ADVANCED IN FIELD OF LABOR

Robert K. Marshall, of 73 Courtland street, for 15 years identified with the Retail Clerks' organization of this city, and through whose instrumentality labor conditions of clerks have been greatly improved, has been advanced to international organizer for the National Retail Clerks' union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

With headquarters at Lafayette, Ind., Marshall will begin his duties this week, having disposed of his personal interests in this city. He will have charge of the organization of clerks throughout New York and New England.

He announces today organization of both the drug clerks and the hardware clerks of this city into separate organizations. The drug clerks, who have heretofore had merely a social organization will, it is expected, definitely organize their union in this city on Friday. There are about 200 clerks in Bridgeport. The organization of the retail hardware clerks is said to be progressing favorably with a total of about 300 to be enrolled.

Punched In Eye By Woman, Fireman Is Seeking a Warrant

Driver Henry Kallman of Engine company No. 9, is seeking a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Margaret Carthy of 453 Lafayette street on a charge of assault. Mrs. Carthy lives opposite a fire house in Lafayette street and the firemen have had trouble with her on several occasions. Saturday night Kallman says he heaped permission of Captain Joseph Freyer, commander of his company, to go to the corner of Railroad avenue to meet his wife. While there, Kallman alleges that Mrs. Carthy crossed the street and asked:

"Are you watching me?" When Kallman replied that he was not, he alleges Mrs. Carthy struck him in the left eye with her fist. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Becker, who live at 450 Lafayette street, and two members of No. 9 company, are said to have been witnesses of the assault. The matter has been reported to Captain Freyer of the company and also to John A. Leonard, president of the fire board.

It is said that Mrs. Carthy has had trouble with other members of the engine company.

Accused of Wrong, Takes Her Own Life

Plunged into a state of abject despondency by her alleged infidelity, and living in constant dread of the hour when her husband would, as she believes, seek vengeance upon her for her wrong, Mrs. Consiglia DelVecchio, shot herself through the head yesterday morning at her home, 600 Pembroke street.

Mrs. DelVecchio, whose husband conducts a grocery store, is reported to have confessed about a month ago, her intimacy with a professional man, now absent from this city. Her husband promised to forgive her for the sake of their children.

The woman grew morose, however, and recently attempted to take her life with gas. Falling she waited until her husband left the store yesterday morning, locked the doors of the establishment and sent a bullet tearing through her brain.

Informing that his store was closed, DelVecchio returned to find the lifeless body of his wife at full length on the floor and a note which read "Weary of life" beside the body.

NO NEW PARALYSIS CASE

No new case of paralysis was found here today, Dr. C. N. Haskell examined a 43-year-old boy at 113 Lewis street, but found the case negative. Andre Seguin, the child who gave his blood to help immunize Florence Clapp of Monroe, was able to be out today.

SKULL FRACTURED, Stratford Boy Is Unlikely to Live

(Special to Farmer.)

Shelton, Sept. 18.—The condition of John Jacobs, aged 11 of Stratford, struck by an automobile on the Shelton turnpike near Pine Rock park yesterday afternoon, is said to be most serious at the Griffin hospital today. He is suffering from a fractured skull and has not regained consciousness. Physicians say that little hope for his recovery may be held.

As a result of the accident, Henry Valletto of Waterbury has been placed under arrest to await the result of injuries to the lad. Jacobs was riding a bicycle with a companion when the two foot driven machines are said to have collided directly in front of the automobile bearing a number of Waterbury men. Valletto immediately took the injured youth to Shelton for medical treatment.

Official Announcement of Death is Made By British War Office—French Report Germans Are Losing Heavily In Fighting In France.

New Greek Prime Minister Announces That Recently Formed Cabinet Will Continue Policy of "Benevolent Neutrality" to Allies.

London, Sept. 18.—Lieutenant Raymond Asquith, son of Premier Asquith, was killed in action on September 15, it was announced today.

Germans Lose Heavily In Attack on Somme

Paris, Sept. 18.—The Germans lost heavily in several counter-attacks north and south of the Somme last night, they are office announced today. The French maintained the ground recently won and made further progress near Clercy and Bony and on the eastern edge of Denicourt.

The French took 1,200 prisoners and machine guns, the statement says. The town of Denicourt is now completely encircled by the French.

Prisoners report that enormous losses have been sustained by some of the German formations. These statements say two battalions were almost annihilated by the French artillery.

New Greek Cabinet Friendly to Entente

Athens, Sept. 16, via London, Sept. 18.—(Delayed.)—Nikolas Kalogeropoulos, the new premier, made the following declaration today:

"The new ministry will follow a benevolent—very benevolent—neutrality toward the entente. It will decide its attitude in other respects after examining the situation and studying the diplomatic documents."

Premier Kalogeropoulos indignantly repudiated any suggestion that he is pro-German in his sympathies. The cabinet was sworn in at noon.

Premier Kalogeropoulos announced that the new ministry had assumed full responsibility before the country for its acts. The cabinet evidently accepted the note presented by the entente powers last June in the same spirit as the previous cabinet.

The note referred to said that the entente powers did not require Greece to abandon neutrality but demanded demobilization of the Greek army, the formation of a non-political government and the holding of general elections after demobilization had restored the electoral body to normal conditions.

CYCLIST HURT BY AUTO

While riding a bicycle on Kosuth street, near Stratford avenue, this morning, Charles Charmine, of 22 Success avenue, was struck by an automobile driven by Neal Hall, of 983 Seaview avenue. He was thrown to the ground, suffering a severe laceration of his chin, a sprained left arm and a severe shaking up. His wheel was demolished. After being treated at the emergency hospital he went home.

Major General Mills Dies in Washington

Washington, Sept. 18.—Major General Albert L. Mills, chief of the division of militia affairs, died at his home here today after 15 hours' illness from pneumonia.

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MINISTER PROHIBITION CANDIDATE.

Rev. A. P. Engstrom, pastor of the Swedish Congregational church, has been named by the Prohibition party of the Fourth Congressional district as their candidate for Congress.